

Death anniv of Santosh Gupta

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To day marks the 19th death anniversary of eminent journalist and writer Santosh Gupta.

Born in 1925 at Runshi village in Jhalakathi, he was involved in leftist politics before starting a career in journalism. Gupta made significant contributions to all democratic movements including the Liberation War.

He was also jailed several times throughout 12 years for his political connection. He joined journalism in 1957 with the Daily Azad and later switched over to Daily Sangbad.

His post editorial under the pen name "Aniruddha" made him one of the most popular journalists at home and abroad in his time. The ideology behind his writings on politics, economics and the country circulated around objectivity, independence and honesty. His article, analysis, critique on politics and economics added a different trend in journalism.

Gupta was awarded Ekushey Padak, Sher-e-Bangla Padak, Maulana Tarkabagish Padak, Jahur Hossain Memorial Padak, Kazi Mahbubullah-Zebunnisa Welfare Trust Award and many more.

To mark his death anniversary, Santosh Gupta Smriti Parishad will place wreaths at his memorial at Postagola crematorium at 9:00am, said a press release.



350 students get Shahjalal bank scholarships

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Shahjalal Islami Bank Limited has awarded scholarships to 350 poor and meritorious students from different regions of the country, said a press release.

The cheques were handed over through a ceremony organised at the bank's corporate head office yesterday.

One hundred scholarship students attended the programme and received the scholarship money. The remaining 250 students will be paid through their respective bank accounts within a specified period.

A total of Tk 1.90 crore will be given to 350 students who passed the SSC examinations in 2022.

The bank's Board of Directors Chairman Mohammed Younus was present as the chief guest at the programme presided over by Dr Anwer Hossain Khan, MP, director of the bank and chairman of Bank Foundation.

Akkas Uddin Mollah, director of Shahjalal Islami Bank and chairman of the bank's executive committee; and Fakir Akhtaruzzaman, director and vice chairman of the executive committee, were also present at the event.



576 died

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Besides, 5.34 percent accidents occurred in Dhaka city, 0.39 percent in Chattogram city and 0.79 percent on rail tracks.

The association identified plying of slow-moving three-wheelers and human-haulers on highways, increase of the movement of three-wheelers, lack

of street nights and road signs, violation of traffic rules, movement of unfit vehicles, faulty construction work on highways, dangerous overtaking, carrying passengers on goods-laden vehicles, extortion, unskilled drivers and helpers and reckless driving as reasons behind road accidents.

Where wildlife

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wildlife of the area. Following the same proposal, he issued another letter to the conservator of Forests, Wildlife and Nature Reserve on February 27 last year, providing a rationale for reducing the speed of trains.

Meanwhile, another letter was sent from the forest ministry to the railways ministry, urging them to take necessary measures in this regard.

On January 29, a letter signed by Taufiq Imam, deputy secretary (additional duties) of the railways ministry was sent to railway director general, instructing him to take necessary measures to keep the speed limit of all the trains running on the existing railway within 20km.

Stationmaster Shakhawat Hossain said the forest department has given a letter regarding the speed limit, but they have not received it from the authorities yet.

Railway officials, seeking anonymity, said as the area has small slopes and hills, the train will not be able to ply up the slopes if the speed is so low.

On March 3, 2022, the wildlife department organised a campaign to limit vehicle speed.

However, traffic movement within the forest still continues at high speed, putting wild animals at risk.

Sohel Shyam, one of the founders of Stand for Our Endangered Wildlife, a voluntary organisation, said, if the 20km per hour speed limit is maintained, many animals will be saved.

Sit together

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Ferdous said, "Democratic values direct the government and opposition to resolve issues through dialogue. But it is unfortunate that in our country the issues are settled on the street through violence. As a result, foreigners also get scope to interfere. This can't go on," he added.

Jatiya Kanyashishu Advocacy Forum General Secretary Nasima Akhtar Joly, and Shujan leaders Nazim Uddin and Jobarul Haq Bhuiyan also spoke at the human chain.

Promote

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Mihir Biswas urged the power division and Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority to promote renewable energy.

Dominic Sentu Gomes, technical coordinator of World Vision Bangladesh, said, "Every citizen has the right to clean air, and the government has the responsibility of ensuring this."

Barcik coordinator Jahangir Alam and Prof Adil Mohammed Khan, executive director of Institute for Planning and Development, also spoke.

Turning

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the park is anticipated to become a popular recreational space for residents and visitors alike, fostering a sense of community and offering a serene escape from the busy city life," DSCC Spokesperson Abu Naser told The Daily Star yesterday.

Adil Mohammed Khan, urban planner and professor of Jahangirnagar University, told The Daily Star, "It's a very good initiative. If it happens as per plan, it will be an ideal place of recreation for the people of Old Dhaka. But the project has to be eco-friendly. Otherwise, it will be detrimental to the environment in the long run."

PRAYER
TIMING
AUGUST 6

Fazr

Zohr

Asr

Maghrib

Esha

AZAN 4:20

12:45

5:00

6:47

8:15

JAMAAT 4:55

1:15

5:15

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

PM stands by

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authorities to take necessary measures to ensure the safety of female footballers and bring the perpetrators to book."

On July 29, at least four girls, all members of the under-17 Khulna divisional football team, came under attack by a group of people for wearing shorts and playing football

at Tentultala village of Khulna's Batiaghata upazila.

Shawkat Kabir, officer-in-charge of Batiaghata Police Station, said police officers are actively patrolling the area to ensure safety of the footballers.

"We have informed the girls and their parents to report any safety concerns immediately," he added.

Former campus

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discipline" for publishing a report on the VC's remarks, the authority should suspend the VC first for "encouraging" students about corruption. "How can a VC of a university make such remarks? He should step down on his own," Alam said.

Expressing solidarity, Shahidul Islam, president of Dhaka Union of Journalists, threatened a tougher movement if Monwar's suspension was not withdrawn immediately.

The speakers vowed to continue their movement until the VC steps down and the suspension is withdrawn.

MONWAR ASKED TO VACATE HALL

In another development, the authorities of Cumilla University's Kazi Nazrul Islam Hall issued a notice asking Monwar to leave the hall.

According to the notice issued on Thursday, Monwar will not be allowed to stay at the dormitory during the suspension period, reports our Cumilla correspondent.

The Daily Star has also obtained a copy of the notice.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Monwar said, "The university authorities did not give me any show-cause notice. As a student, I didn't participate in any anti-discipline activities."

30 villages, district town now

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Hossen, headteacher of Uttar Char Borhan Government Primary School in Dasmina.

"The tidal surge has engulfed our school, which has 130 students. Students here have to go through a similar situation for 4-5 months a year," he said.

There are no embankments on the river banks, and this has led to misery, he added.

Piprahkhal and Ghatker Andua in Mirzaganj have remained submerged under 3-4 feet water since the surge

damaged the embankments on Payra river, informed UP Chairman Abul Bashar Nasir.

Patuakhali municipality executive engineer Jasim Uddin Arju blamed badly designed sluice gates and inlets of the town protection dam for the menace.

Assuring that initiatives are underway to address the problem, he said, "Alongside repairing the dams and sluice gates, 30km of paved drains will be built in the city to help the water recede easily."

Limping along on

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for dengue patients, but double or even triple the number of infected patients come here every day.

"We are trying to increase the number of beds, but even the resources are limited. Meanwhile, dengue is on the rise," said Basar.

BROKERS IN FULL SWING
Amid patients' sufferings, brokers continue to extort people. "I had to spend Tk 8,500 on tests from a private diagnostic centre and another Tk 850 on medicine," said farmer Aminul Islam while visiting the hospital recently.

Aminul, 35, had failed to secure a ticket even after waiting in the queue outside for over two hours with severe muscle aches.

"I had to take help from a broker who took me to the private facility," he added.

Brokers receive Tk 500-700 per patient from private hospitals, clinics, and diagnostic centres. They usually serve 5-6 patients every day, said broker Rana Mia.

"Around 60-70 patients are brought in every month by the brokers in exchange for a commission we promise. This is the only way we can ensure timely salaries for our staff

and keep our machines upgraded," said owner of a local diagnostic centre, preferring anonymity.

Dr Nurul Islam, Narsingdi civil surgeon, said, "Around 131 medical posts in Narsingdi district have been vacant since 2014. The authorities know our limitations, but the recruitment process is complex and often delayed."

BNP a blister

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could have contributed to the nation in many ways.

Meanwhile, addressing a separate discussion at the AL central office on Bangabandhu Avenue, party joint general secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif criticised the statements of rights organisations on recent violence centring BNP's sit-ins.

"What do you want? Your statements appear to be nothing more than blatant support for the subversive activities. The nation rejects your statements," he added.

Making fake

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seizure of around 9.70 lakh counterfeit notes. DC Jafar said Robin, a graphic designer by profession, is the mastermind behind this syndicate. Robin was first introduced to the world of counterfeit notes by one Sahid in 2007.

Sahid's demise temporarily halted Robin's counterfeit activities. However, encountering financial challenges due to the pandemic, Robin again started note forgery.

Robin's reentry was facilitated through connections with two others -- Humayun Kabir Sikder and Sofiullah Sikder. "We are now conducting drives to arrest them," he said.

Students suffer for unfinished

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the building. Construction began on January 1 this year and was scheduled to be completed by June 30, according to the LGED office in Dasmina upazila.

However, from the very beginning, the contractor was working slowly with a few workers, and in June halted the work, said Sohag Hossain, headteacher of the school.

The construction work has since then been completely stopped for two months, the headmaster said.

Meanwhile, teachers and students are suffering immensely as it is difficult to accommodate all

students in two rooms of the old tin-shed structure, while the entire school has been inundated with tidal water due to the monsoon, he added.

The educational activities of the school are being severely disrupted, he added, requesting the authorities concerned to expedite the construction work.

"It is difficult to attend classes when our school becomes inundated with tidal water. When the construction of the new building is completed, we will be able to study well," said Sumaiya, a student of class-5 in the school.

Contacted, contractor Pancham Ali Mridha said

the floor of the school building needs to be filled with sand now. However, since the place is very remote, it is difficult to bring sand to the construction site, he said.

He also said an application has been made to the authorities concerned to extend the construction time, and hoped that they would accelerate the construction work by filling up sand on the floor soon.

Contacted, Mokbul Hossain, engineer at LGED in Dasmina upazila, confirmed the matter and said the contractor has been urged to complete the construction work quickly.

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders hereby invited by Prime Bank Limited from reputed companies in the relevant field for providing below items:

Name of Work	Period of Sale (Tender)		Date of Submission & Opening
	From	To	
SUPPLY OF 10 UNITS NOTE SORTING MACHINES	06 August 2023	30 August, 2023	30 August, 2023
INTERIOR DECORATION AND FURNITURE WORK OF KHULSHI BRANCH, CHATTOGRAM	06 August 2023	22 August, 2023	22 August, 2023

Details are given on the Prime Bank website.
<https://www.primebank.com.bd/tenders>

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Date: 05.08.2023

e-Tender Notice

This is to notify all concern that the following tender is invited in the national e-GP portal:

Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Tender/Proposal Package Name	Publishing Closing Date & Time
1	859021	Procurement of High Quality Thick Lentil Pulse (Unnatamaner Moshur Dal Mota) for the period of 01 October, 2023 to 31 March, 2024.	03 Aug-2023, 23:55 24 Aug-2023, 11:00
2	859022	Procurement of High Quality Thick Lentil Pulse (Unnatamaner Moshur Dal Saru) for the period of 01 October, 2023 to 31 March, 2024.	03 Aug-2023, 23:30 24 Aug-2023, 11:15
3	859023	Procurement of High Quality Gram Pulse (Unnatamaner Cholar Dal) for the period of 01 October, 2023 to 31 March, 2024.	03 Aug-2023, 23:30 24 Aug-2023, 11:45

This is an online Tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-tender, registration in the National e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education, Technical and Madrasah Education Division				
2	Agency	Directorate of Technical Education				
3	Procuring Entity Name	Director (Vocational)				
4	Invitation for	Supply of Manpower through outsourcing in the newly launched 3rd phase 15 Technical School and College (TSC) at different upzila.				
5	Invitation Ref No	57.03.0000.027.07.024.23.400				
6	Date	27.07.2023				
KEY INFORMATION						
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)				
FUNDING INFORMATION						
8	Budget and Source of Funds	GoB				
9	Tender Package No.	DTE/VOC/OUTSOURCING/2023_2024				
10	Tender Package Name	Supply of Manpower through outsourcing in the newly launched 3rd phase 15 Technical School and College (TSC) at different upzila.				
11	Tender Publication Date	06.08.2023				
12	Tender Selling Date	06.08.2023				
13	Last Selling of Tender Document Date (must be the date prior to the day of Tender Closing Date)	Date : 20.08.2023, Time: 4:00 PM				
		Date	Time			
14	Tender closing Date and Time	21.08.2023	02:00 PM			
15	Tender opening Date and Time (within one hour of Tender Closing)	21.08.2023	02:30 PM			
16	Pre Tender meeting Date and Time	16.08.2023	11.30 AM			
17	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address				
- Selling Tender Document (Primary Place)		Director (Vocational), Directorate of Technical Education Accounts Section, 3 rd Floor, Room No.: 311, F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.				
- Selling Tender Document (Secondary Place)		Principal, Technical Teachers Training College, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.				
- Receiving Tender Document		Director (Vocational), Directorate of Technical Education 1 st Floor, Room No.: 212, F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.				
- Opening Tender Document		Director (Vocational), Directorate of Technical Education 1 st Floor, Room No.: 212, F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERERS						
18	Eligibility of Tenderers	As per TDS				
19	Brief description of services	Supply of Manpower (Electrician Cum pump operator category 1, Security Guard category 5, Cleaner category 5) through outsourcing in the newly launched 3rd phase 15 Technical School and College (TSC) at different upzila.				
20	Price of Tender Document (tk.)	2000.00 (Taka two thousand only)				
21	Package No	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount (tk.) Completion time in weeks / months		
	01	DTE/VOC/OUTSOURCING /2023_2024/	Director(Vocational), Directorate of Technical Education	3,60,000/- (Taka three lac sixty thousand only) Within 10 (ten) days after signing contract		
22	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings					
23	PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					

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